

think they would lower themselves to such office, or if so their mothers would not allow a son to take such a position.

Until we adopt Margaret Sanger's idea I guess we shall always have a rotten system.—An Old Reader.

PATENT MEDICINES.—The three biggest fakes are: 1, The patent medicines; 2, The Democratic party; 3, The shyster lawyers.—Isadore Cooper, 1228 S. Harding av.

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PROGRESSIVE PARTY SEES VETO POWER ON G. O. P. CANDIDATES
By Gilson Gardner

Washington, April 24.—The nomination of Gov. Hiram Johnson of California for president with Gifford Pinchot as his running mate as candidates of the Progressive party is seriously talked by the Progressive managers who are watching the maneuvers of Root, Barnes, Smoot, Penrose and the Standpat Republicans.

A man who recently has talked with Victor Murdock, chairman of the Progressive national committee, admits that the above suggestion is one of those under consideration. According to this plan the Progressive party convention would be held before the Republican national convention. If the Republicans decided to put up a candidate satisfactory to Roosevelt and the Progressive leaders—a man like Norris, Cummins, or Borah—the Progressive support could easily be turned to the Republican candidate, Johnson and Pinchot withdrawing from the race.

On the other hand, if the Republican managers persisted in going forward with the plan to name a man of the Root or Taft type, the Progressives would have a ticket in the field and would be able by voting their strength to insure the certain defeat of the Republican candidate.

In the 1912 election President Wilson's popular vote for 6,293,019, Roosevelt's 4,199,507, Taft's 3,484,

956, while Debs polled approximately 1,000,000 votes. In the congressional elections last November the strength of the Progressive party had dwindled to approximately 1,500,000 votes. These voters may be regarded as "irreconcilables"; as men who prefer to vote their political convictions even when they know that they are practically bound to lose. It is fair to assume that Johnson and Pinchot could poll at least this number of votes in a presidential contest. If this million and a half be subtracted from the Progressive party vote in 1912, it leaves 3,484,956 voters who might return to the Republican ranks, and Wilson would still be elected by a plurality of 188,556, even if he did not get a single vote more than he polled in 1912.

In other words, the Progressives feel that they have a veto power on the Republican candidate. They will not be able to elect their man, but they can again defeat a reactionary Republican.

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DRAMATIC SECRET



"I wonder who it is finances all these Viennese operas?"

"Dunno. Probably someone with a Vienna roll."